

Music Building (Summerfield College)
Summerfield, Alabama

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MUSIC BUILDING OF OLD SUMMERFIELD COLLEGE
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HISTORICAL DATA:

Built: Completed in 1843.

Ownership:

Methodist Episcopal Church, original owner.

Methodist Episcopal Church South, acquired property after Civil War.

Selma-Summerfield College.

The Kenan family now own this building.

Present Occupant: Un-occupied.

Centenary Institute:

This building was one of those erected at Centenary College by the Methodist Church, as a successor to old Valley Creek Academy. It housed the activities of Centenary Institute, Summerfield College and the Methodist Orphanage. The school died in 1886.

Methodist Orphanage:

The Orphanage remained at Summerfield until 1900.

Selma-Summerfield College:

The Selma-Summerfield College was started by private parties, 1900. Did not last long.

Civil War Period:

This Music Building of Old Summerfield College was raided during the war by Yankee troops.

Source of Material:

Peter A. Brannon, Curator of the Department of Archives and History of the State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama.

Thomas M. Owen, History of Alabama, Vol. 1, page 216.
West's History of Methodism in Alabama.

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ARCHITECTURAL MERIT AND DATA:

This building was selected from the two remaining buildings of Summerfield College. It represents the better ~~type~~ of the two still remaining, and besides, it is very well proportioned and unique in Greek Revival inspiration. Incidentally, also, it is very delapidated in condition, the College not having been used for several decades.

It should be noted, however, that there was a similar duplicate to this building on the right side of this building. While one housed the Music Department of the College, its duplicate was used as the Fine Arts building of the time.

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